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SUBJ: SAUDI BUDGET TO BE ANNOUNCED

1. SAUDI ARABIAN BUDGET FOR COMING HEGIRA FISCAL YEAR STARTING MONDAY, JULY 22, IS EXPECTED TO BE ANNOUNCED ON FRIDAY, JULY 19. THE BUDGET IS FORECAST IN THE \$12 BILLION RANGE WITH HEAVY SALARY INCREASES, NEW SCALES OF PAY FOR GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES AND HUGE NEW ALLOCATIONS FOR DEFENSE, EDUCATION, COMMUNICATIONS, INDUSTRY, AND AGRICULTURE BEING PREDICTED.

2. THIS WOULD BE CLOSE TO A DOUBLING OF LAST YEAR'S BUDGET. HOWEVER, THE OBLIGATION RATE HAS BEEN LESS THAN 70 PERCENT THIS YEAR, AND IT IS THOUGHT THAT MUCH OF NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETED EXPENSES WILL IN FACT NOT BE OBLI-

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GATED MUCH LESS ACTUALLY SPENT. WE ESTIMATE ACTUAL

SPENDING THIS YEAR AT BETWEEN THREE AND FOUR BILLION DOLLARS WITH OBLIGATIONS AT ABOUT FIVE BILLION, INCLUDING AID SO FAR ACTUALLY COMMITTED.

3. IT IS NOT IMPROBABLE THAT MINISTER OF STATE ABA AL-KHAYL WILL DISCUSS THE NEW BUDGET DURING THE VISIT AND MAY EVEN OFFER SOME FURTHER FIGURES ON SPENDING OR OBLIGATION. HOWEVER LOW ABSORPTION RATE IS A SENSITIVE SUBJECT WITH SAG AND SHOULD BE APPROACHED OBLIQUELY.  
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